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SUBJ: POST RELATIONSHIPS WITH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
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1. WE HAVE ONGOING AND CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE
CHAMBER IN GERMANY AT ALL LEVELS.
2. THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY MEET
FREQUENTLY WITH ME, THE DCM, THE ECON/COMMERCIAL
MINISTER AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AT THE EMBASSY TO
DISCUSS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY. THE ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER AND THE
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CALL ON THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY AT
HIS OFFICE IN FRANKFURT SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR FOR
SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS.
3. A GERMANY-WIDE COMMERCIAL OFFICERS MEETING WITH
REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL GERMAN POSTS IS HELD
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CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ALLOW FOR ATTENDANCE BY COMMERCIAL OFFICERS OF CHAMBER-SPONSORED SEMINARS AND TO ENCOURAGE SOCIAL CONTACT BETWEEN COMMERCIAL OFFICERS AND CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVES. I NORMALLY AM THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT ONE OF THE CHAMBER SESSIONS DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING. I ALSO ADDRESS LUNCHEON MEETINGS HELD BY VARIOUS CHAMBER CHAPTERS.

4. IN BERLIN, FRANKFURT, DUSSELDORF, MUNICH, STUTTGART AND HAMBURG, WHERE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAPTERS ARE LOCATED, COMMERCIAL OFFICERS FROM THE CONSULATES GENERAL IN THE RESPECTIVE CITY SERVE ON CHAMBER COMMITTEES AND THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND COMMERCIAL OFFICERS REGULARLY PARTICIPATE IN THE FULL RANGE OF CHAMBER ACTIVITIES.

5. THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMCHAM'S NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD IN MAY AT THE EMBASSY, FOLLOWED BY A BRIEFING BY EMBASSY OFFICERS AND A LUNCHEON AT MY RESIDENCE.

6. IN THE PAST, "INVEST IN USA" SEMINARS WERE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE EMBASSY, THE CONSULATES GENERAL IN STUTTGART AND DUSSELDORF AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

7. MOST INQUIRIES CONCERNING MATTERS OF EXPORT PROMOTION D TO THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S MAIN OFFICE IN FRANKFURT ARE ROUTINELY REFERRED TO THE EMBASSY OR AMCONGEN FRANKFURT FOR ACTION.

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